

In the specification:

Please insert the following paragraphs after the title at line 1 page 1 of the specification:

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This patent application is a continuation in part of 08/746,613, filed November 12, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 6,122,403), which is a continuation in part of 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,862,260), 08/508,083, filed Jul. 27, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,841,978), and PCT application PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996 (Publication WO96/36163). This patent application is also a continuation in part of application 09/186,962, filed November 5, 1998, which is a continuation of application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,862,260), which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now U.S. Patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now U.S. Patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now U.S. Patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now U.S. Patent 5,768,426).

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, lines 25-28 as follows:

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For additional information about a digital watermarking form of steganographic embedding and reading, see co-pending US Patent Application 09/482,749, entitled Watermark Embedder and Reader by Geoff Rhoads et al., commonly assigned, and filed concurrently with this application.